



**Interlocal Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County to upgrade the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System operating software and purchase of radio system infrastructure for Williamson County under a proposed contract amendment between the City of Austin and Motorola, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$8,056,000

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 is available from the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program for the grant period of September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006 A cash match of \$2,000,000 is required, \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department -Wireless Office \$1,850,000 will be provided by Williamson County An additional \$56,000 (not a grant requirement) is available from Travis County

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required

REQUESTING Financial and **DIRECTOR'S**
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This interlocal will allow the City to secure the support and ongoing cooperation of Williamson County to participate in the procurement and installation of a new 800 MHz Trunked Radio System to include Williamson County under a proposed contract amendment between Motorola, Inc and the City of Austin The purchase of the equipment and upgrade of the operating software is partly being funded by a \$6,000,000 COPS grant that requires a 25% cost share The following shows the breakdown of the use of the grant funds and appropriate cost sharing amount

Agency	Amount of Grant Funds	Amount of Cost Share
City of Austin	\$ 450,000	\$ 150,000
Williamson County	\$5,550,000	\$1,850,000
TOTAL	\$6,000,000	\$2,000,000



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The additional \$56,000 provided by Travis County is part of the contract amendment with Motorola, but is not related to nor a requirement of the grant

The City's portion of the grant and cost sharing amount will be used to upgrade the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System operating software to improve functionality. Williamson County's portion of the grant and cost share will be used to upgrade Williamson County radio system infrastructure to a new digital radio communication zone on the Austin/Travis County RRS. This will allow seamless digital voice radio communication between the two counties.

The City of Austin and members of the Regional Radio System (RRS) provide leadership for a multi-jurisdictional Project 25 (P25) interoperable communications system. The County-Wide Interagency Communication System (CWICS) is a public-safety system co-owned by Williamson County and the cities of Cedar Park, Georgetown, and Round Rock. The City of Austin and Williamson County have overlapping jurisdictions, incompatible radio systems, and the need for direct interoperability. This grant-funded project will build an integrated digital communications network for the CWICS by leveraging the existing investment of the Austin/Travis County RRS.

Austin, Travis County and the RRS partners have interlocal agreements in place that provide a cost sharing mechanism to fund their regional communication system as does CWICS for the Williamson County radio system. System ownership will remain with the respective agencies, and a new interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and Williamson County will be developed to document the financial and programmatic commitments under this new COPS funded initiative.